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SACRAMENTO PAIR INDICTED FOR POSSESSING STOLEN MAIL

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGREGOR W. SCOTT announced today that a federal grand jury in Sacramento returned an indictment charging THOMAS EDWARD MASON, 39, and ANGELA RAYLENE HORNE, 38, both of Sacramento, with stealing and possessing stolen mail.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Sacramento Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Arguelles, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment specifically charges that on June 8, 2004, MASON stole mail out of a blue mail box located in front of the Royal Oaks Post Office in Sacramento, and that shortly thereafter, both MASON and HORNE were in possession of this mail.

If convicted, MASON faces a total maximum sentence of ten years in prison and up to a \$500,000 fine, and HORNE faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine.

The charges in the indictment are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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